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## <u>VIA ELECTRONIC FILING</u> <u>AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY</u>

Mrs. Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk / Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan

and North Carolina 2013 REPS Compliance Plan -

**Motion for Confidential Treatment** 

Docket Number 2013-10-E

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-37-40, I enclose for filing a public version of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") 2013 Integrated Resource Plan ("2013 IRP"), with confidential information redacted. I am also filing a public version of DEC's 2013 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Compliance Plan for North Carolina ("2013 NC REPS Compliance Plan"), with confidential information redacted. In conjunction with the filing of the public version of DEC's 2013 IRP, a copy of the CONFIDENTIAL VERSION of DEC's most recent FERC Form 715, which is confidential in its entirety, is being mailed to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, and will be hand delivered to the Commission today along with the Confidential version of DEC's 2013 IRP and 2013 NC REPS Compliance Plan.

Specifically, portions of the 2013 DEC IRP and 2013 NC REPS Compliance Plan contain certain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Pages 99 through 101 of Appendix F of the IRP contain busbar screening curves which represent the confidential and proprietary levelized all-in costs of new supply-side resources, which include capital, operations and maintenance costs and fuel costs. Exhibit A of the 2013 NC REPS Compliance Plan contains names of counterparties with whom DEC has contracted for Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") and estimated RECs. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEC's ability to negotiate and procure cost-effective purchases and discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals. Additionally, the

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FERC Form 715 contains critical energy infrastructure information that should be kept confidential and non-public. DEC is filing it under seal and requests that the Commission treat this information as confidential and protect it from public disclosure pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, "ORDER REQUIRING DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS" and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2)(Supp. 2012), and protected from public disclosure.

Please consider this correspondence as Duke Energy Carolinas' Motion for Confidential Treatment of the above-referenced information in Appendix F, Exhibit A of the 2013 NC REPS Compliance Plan, and the FERC Form 715 attached to the 2013 IRP.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

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